

**December 23, 2018**



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

10 am

### Theme: Setting Out with Haste to the Place of Love

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* (J.S. Bach) Marcia Snaveley, organ

Welcome, Announcements and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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Introit *Love Came Down* (E. Fissinger) Federated Choir

Call to Worship and lighting of Advent Candle of Love Rev. Susi Kawolics

Prayer of Confession (unison)

For those times we have loved things more than people,  
For those times we have loved only friends, and not enemies,  
For those times we have not been grateful for your unconditional love,  
O merciful God, we ask your forgiveness.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung response *Light Our Way* (Rupp)

Light our way, light our way, as we  
jour - ney in the dark - ness.  
Light our way, light our way,  
Gift us with love for our world.

\* Those who are able stand \*\*\*\* Worshippers may be seated

**One:** As our children leave for Sunday School, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's hope and peace.

\* **Passing of the Peace**

\* **Hymn** *People, Look East* No 142

**Scripture** Luke 1:26-38

**Update on EDWINS** (2015 Christmas Eve offering recipient) Derrick R. Speights

\* **Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* No. 129

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** *Breath of Heaven* (arr. C. Courtney) Federated Choir and  
Leap of Faith, Liturgical Dancers: Dawn Dole and Linda Nichols  
Nancy Isham, soloist

\* **Hymn of Dedication** *To God, All Glorious Heavenly Light* (Tune: TALLIS' CANON)  
To God, all glorious heavenly Light;  
To Christ revealed in earthly night;  
To God the Spirit now we raise  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.

\* **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Scripture** Luke 1:39-45

**Sermon** Rev. Throckmorton

\* **Hymn** *Love Has Come* (K. Bible, Tune: BRING A TORCH) (See Back)

\* **Benediction**

\* **Postlude** *God Rest You Merry* (arr. R.G. Tevelde) Marcia Snavely, organ

**~Departing To Serve~**

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Love Has Come (K. Bible, Tune: BRING A TORCH)



1. Love has come — a light in the dark - ness! Love shines  
2. Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is  
3. Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is



forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has  
God now a - sleep in the hay. See the glow in the  
life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with -



come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of joy a -  
eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her heart is  
in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our hearts are



ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a Sav - ior!  
say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she whis - pers.  
seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christ - mas.



Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high. \_\_\_\_\_  
Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el. \_\_\_\_\_  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high! \_\_\_\_\_



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